

# ***Key West Youth Ambassadors***

## ***“Student Leaders for the City of Key West”***

### ***Application***

### ***Class I***

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#### ***Mission***

*To develop young leaders who feel hope, pride and a responsibility  
for Key West’s future*

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#### **Program Description**

Each session 7 high school students from Key West are selected for the Key West Youth Ambassador Academy. The class will spend **8 weeks** in sessions from 3:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. located at Key West City Hall once per week to learn about and experience our city’s treasures, meet adult community and city leaders and develop personal leadership skills. The program for Class I will convene on consecutive Thursdays starting September 15, 2016 thru November 3, 2016.

#### **Requirements**

Applicants must be high school students.

Applicants must have at least a 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Class members must attend the program in its entirety.

Class members must agree to abide by all Leadership Key West policies and procedures.

#### **Application process**

1. Applications must be **RECEIVED in the Mayor & Commissioner’s Office at City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016.**
2. Letters notifying applicants of the selection committee results will be mailed on September 7, 2016.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial Preferred Name

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip Code

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Person/Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ School Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know the leadership roles you have held while involved in organizations or activities both in your school and/or community. These should be in order of importance, listing up to five school, social, athletic, religious, community service, scouting or other activities and organizations in which you have participated during the last two years.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your biggest pet peeve? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel has been one of Key West's biggest moments in history? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any accomplishments, awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school, religious or community activities you have achieved or received in the last two years.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

List any community service or volunteer work experience and briefly tell what was involved.  
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List any work experience in which you were compensated for and briefly tell what was involved.  
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What are your plans after high school? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be one of your strengths? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be one of your weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is someone you admire? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you do for fun? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you could change anything in our city, what would it be and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why are you applying for Youth Leadership Key West? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Key West Youth Ambassadors Code of Responsibility**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of Key West Youth Ambassadors is to prepare Key West youth to make a positive difference. Participants are selected because of their proven leadership qualities. The actions of program participants reflect on Key West Ambassadors and Leadership Key West and affect the results the program is intended to achieve.

Participation in Key West Youth Ambassadors carries the responsibility of leadership. Participants are expected to observe the highest standards of behavior and to set an example for others to follow.

This Code of Responsibility is intended to describe minimum acceptable standards and the consequences of failure to meet these standards. Those who fail to observe these standards will be held accountable for their actions.

### **Applicability**

This Code is applicable to all participants in Key West including class members, adult volunteers and staff. This Code is applicable at all times.

Leadership Key West seeks to encourage personal growth and development of the skills and behavior required of good leaders. By participating in Key West Youth Ambassadors activities, all participants acknowledge that their actions are subject to this Code. By permitting a class member to participate, the class member's parent(s) gives their consent to the applicability of this Code.

### **Policy on Attendance**

Key West Youth Ambassadors is an integrated series of experiences designed to be completed as a whole by a consistent group of class members. Attendance and participation at all scheduled events is necessary to obtain the full benefits of the program. **Class members must attend the program weekly in its entirety.**

## **Key West Youth Ambassadors Code of Responsibility Agreement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Participant) certify that I have read and understand the Policies of Key West Youth Ambassadors in the Code of Responsibility and that I will abide by these Policies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Key West Youth Ambassadors Commitment Form

*This form must be signed by all three parties as indicated and returned with the application by the 5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ deadline.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name (please print)

I understand that a student who is admitted to the Key West Youth Ambassadors program is given a space in the program that is then not available to other applicants. Consequently, students who apply for the program **MUST** intend to accept admission and participate fully in the Key West Youth Ambassadors program.

I have reviewed the completed application packet and support this nomination. I also verify that the applicant's grade point average is \_\_\_\_\_ (a 3.00 minimum is required for participation in Key West Youth Ambassadors) and the applicant is ranked \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ (#) students in his/her junior class.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's School Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Recommendation Letter

Please include a letter of recommendation from an adult who knows you well but is not a parent or relative. For example: ask a teacher, youth group leader, club advisor, coach, employer or neighbor. This letter can be mailed with the application or sent in separately by the deadline.

This letter should tell how long and in what capacity the reference has known you, what contributions you would bring to the Key West Youth Ambassadors experience, how you might benefit from the experience and anything else that would give the committee a more complete picture of you.